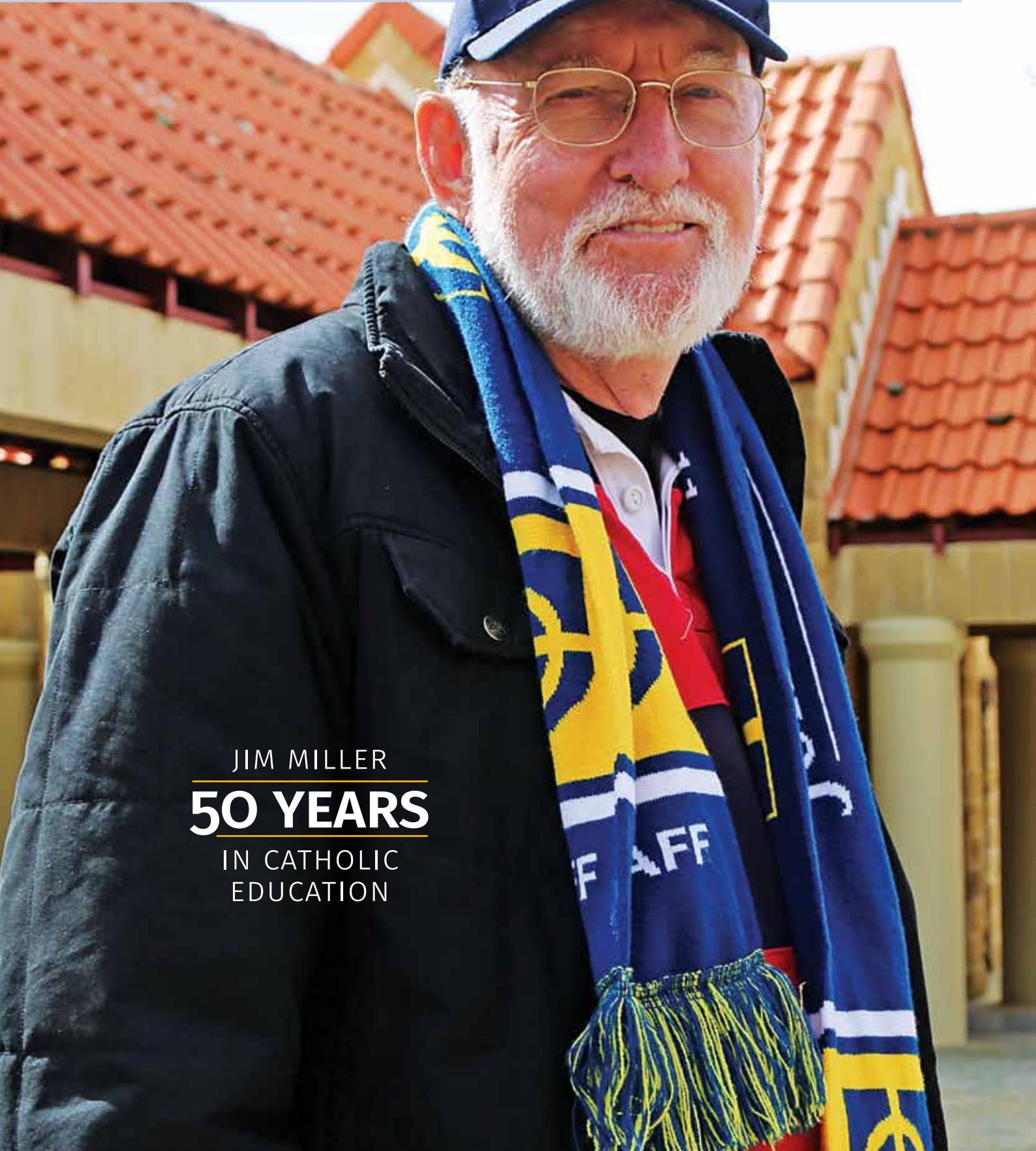




HERITAGE



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50 YEARS

IN CATHOLIC
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Honouring the past, embracing the future: From the Principal

This edition of *Heritage* takes us on a journey from our past through to our vision for the future of our College. While the years since the inception of John XXIII College have seen vast changes and developments, what has stayed constant is our commitment to the values and spirituality of our Ignatian and Loreto founders.

I was recently reading an historic special edition of a St Louis/Loreto newsletter from April 1976, where the name of the new amalgamated College was announced. The Interim Council, which decided upon the name, remarked that it was felt to be particularly appropriate that the new College should be named after Pope John XXIII, a universally admired leader who did so much to foster the spirit of unity and ecumenism. It was also considered to be a wonderful advantage for the new school to commence under the banner of a man who had lived in many of the students' own lifetimes and who was therefore a very real person to them. The newsletter also speaks of the qualities of our founders and our call to live up to them:

Our roots: St Ignatius, whose order is unique in its special vow of obedience to the Pope, and Mary Ward, whose love of the Church was incomparable. Ignatius, Mary Ward and John XXIII had in common a sense of the needs of their own times and a willingness to meet those needs by service. We hope that this school will produce such people, by the grace of God.

As I look around me here at the College, and as I hear the stories of the wonderful journeys that our Alumni are taking in the world, some of which are profiled in this issue, I am confident that we are living up to that challenge. Each one of us has a vital role to play in the John XXIII College story, and as Alumni, you may leave the College grounds, but you never leave our community. There are some exciting opportunities in this issue for you

to play a role in the future vision of our College, and I encourage you to stay connected in whatever way you can, and to consider making a donation to our Foundation.

Here at the College the school year has commenced smoothly, with enrolments at full capacity with 1555 students in attendance. The brief COVID-19 lockdown meant a slightly delayed start to the school year, but the lessons learned over the past 12 months enabled our Year 12 students to immediately begin remote learning.

Artist's impression: new administration exterior



The resilience and talents of the Class of 2020 were rewarded with impressive results, placing our College in eighth position in Western Australia. The adaptability of our students and staff has been outstanding over the past 12 months and we were delighted to achieve one of our highest rankings in the past decade.

The next two years will see exciting developments to our campus as we embark upon the next ambitious stage of our Master Plan to enhance our learning and teaching facilities including our 'A' Block and library, which you will read more about in these pages.

Seeing the excitement and goodwill at our recent College Open Day, which had over 800 attendees, I was reminded again of what a privilege is it to belong to a such a wonderful Catholic college in the Ignatian tradition. I look forward to interacting with our current families and Alumni in the coming weeks and months, and to continuing to be part of the inspiring journey of this extraordinary educational community.

Robert Henderson
Principal





Alumni Development

We kickstarted 2021 by celebrating our Year 12 High Achievers from 2020, along with their parents, at a memorable senior school assembly with approximately 1100 students. I wondered how last year's cohort had done so incredibly well with the worldwide pandemic and all the demands, restrictions and stress it created for everyone throughout the year. For our Year 12 students to have excelled so brilliantly that John XXIII College was placed in the top ten schools in our state was an incredible achievement and a testament to the talents and dedication of our young people, and the extraordinary support of their families and teachers. Will the trials and tribulations of the pandemic make a difference when these students return for their reunions over the years to come? Somehow I doubt it.

I was once asked if I needed a microphone to address over 400 Alumni from three different year groups in the pavilion. Momentarily I thought it was needed; there was so much good noise, people laughing, calling out to one another over the crowd, tears of joy, warm embraces and raised voices filled with excitement. Despite over 13 years in this role, I still get goosebumps when I see former students gathering. I still say the best part of my job is reunions, and I still cannot believe the excitement and joy reunions bring.

No matter what experience you had at school, what group you belonged to or what your grades or comments were on your report card, somehow reunions seem to wash all that away. Alumni come together as one, relive the good parts of the journey and experience that special sense of connection and belonging. As a graduate of John XXIII College, you are part of a very large community, and one that will always embrace you. If you have not already done so, please update your details so I can invite you to attend your next reunion.

Anna Gingell (Class 1978)

Alumni Development

Are your contact details up to date?

Please take the time to ensure we have your most up-to-date details.

To update your details online visit alumni.johnxxiii.edu.au

1. Login
2. Under the top navigation select 'Your Account' and click 'Update Your Details'
3. Enter your updated contact information and then click 'Save'.

Alternatively, contact the Alumni Office with your updated details:

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Help find lost Alumni

As part of our efforts to stay in touch with our extended College family, we are always looking to expand our Alumni database. Can you help?

alumni.johnxxiii.edu.au/#missingmembers

This page lists all those people in your year group we don't have current contact details for. If you can help us get in touch with any of these Alumni, just click on the word 'lost' under their name. You can also click on other options at the top of the page to broaden your search for other missing Alumni.

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GIVING BACK



Tramulla School Women's Group in the Kallawarra community

The founders of our College were all characterised by a heightened sensitivity to the particular needs of their times and an unwavering dedication to meeting those needs through lives of service. Here at John XXIII College, this commitment to being men and women for others is instilled in all our students, with a wide range of formal and informal opportunities for volunteer and social justice initiatives, including our Roncalli Care program. This commitment to service is not limited to students' time at school, with so many of our Alumni involved in a diverse range of volunteer roles. As a College, we also benefit enormously from the incredible volunteer efforts of our parent community, without which we would not be able to achieve nearly as much as we do.

Active involvement and community connection

Alumni **Paula Hackett nee Conway (Class 1986)** and **Neil Hackett (Class 1986)** have both embraced active volunteer commitment in their local communities in a range of different ways. Paula has made an extensive contribution to the College community, and

her dedicated and selfless assistance over the years has been invaluable. Paula is currently the President of the Parents' Association and Secondary Parent Convener. At the recent Year 7 parent orientation evening, Paula shared her reflections about the opportunities and rewards of becoming actively involved as a volunteer in College life by outlining to incoming parents the myriad ways they could become involved. Here's what she said:

'With over 20 years of experience as a parent at the College, I am still consistently inspired and encouraged by the generosity and kindness of the parents at our College who do so much for the community without expecting anything in return. Our parent volunteers embody the life of service extolled by Pope John XXIII and they are a tangible and meaningful example for their children of the values of serving others within your community. Strong relationships



Paula Hackett

between parents provide a great support network for the benefit of both parents and their children, and the wider College community.

All parents are members of the John XXIII College Parents' Association and can attend meetings every term to help decide which worthy causes should receive our funds. All the committee members are parent volunteers who donate their time to ensure that parent donations are used for proposals that assist students to reach their full potential. Recently-funded projects include ergonomic rowing machines for land training, a high-powered telescope for the Astronomy Club, seed funding for three College bus services, development of the Angelo's Village primary learning facility and playgrounds for upper and lower primary.

Father figures of the College are all invited to be part of Men of John XXIII (MOJTC). Coordinated by parent volunteers and inspired by the Fathering Project, MOJTC creates regular opportunities for father figures in the College to connect with their children and each other in order to explore and deepen their experience of fatherhood, with all its possibilities and challenges. Their activities range from the infamous Dads and Kids Camps to zoo visits, scavenger hunts, sleep-outs and lawn bowls, to name just a few. Regular celebrity speakers are also roped in to talk to Dads and encourage them on their fathering journey.

The Inspire Committee volunteers comprise the educational arm of the Parents' Association. They organise regular high-calibre speakers to address parents on contemporary educational and parenting issues such as drug and alcohol awareness, managing risk-taking behaviour, cyber safety and teen resilience. The parent volunteers work tirelessly to ensure the presentations are professional, relevant and engaging.

Enthusiastic parent volunteers head up Friends of Music and Drama (or FOMAD as it is affectionately known) which provides opportunities for interested parents to help with College music and drama events. Their activities include selling tickets and programs at the door, serving tea and coffee at the intermissions of the many music and drama events of the College, as well as doing hair, makeup and costumes for the annual College musical.

Roncalli Care parent volunteers deliver home-cooked meals to College families experiencing loss or hardship. The Roncalli program was created by a group of parents in 2008 to mark

the 50th anniversary of Pope John XXIII's papacy. Requests for help when meals are required are enthusiastically received and ten-week rosters for families in need are always filled within a few hours. We are very blessed to have a parent body that literally nourishes us in our time of need.

The Kindergarten to Year 12 year-group coordinators, officially called Parent Association Liaisons, and affectionately known as 'PALS', also do vital work to strengthen our community. They create opportunities for parents in their year group to connect with each other at social events throughout the year, as well as marshalling volunteers for essential College services and events like canteen duty, sports carnivals, staff morning teas and sausage sizzles.

In my time as a parent at the College I have made many friendships with parents in my children's year groups. It has been a wonderful journey, full of connections, that has been both inspiring and fulfilling in equal measure. If I had one piece of advice for new parents it would be to get involved; go to the social events and educational talks, help at the sports carnivals or music and drama events or sausage sizzles or canteen, make time for the Dads and Kids Camps, go to the Parents' Association meetings and put up a funding proposal, deliver a meal to a fellow College family in need. Be a part of the community; be connected.'

Paula's husband Neil has also contributed to the College through various roles including on the John XXIII College Council, the Foundation Board, the Men of John XXIII College Inaugural

Committee and as Chair of the Finance and Risk Committee. He has also been actively involved in a range of strategic volunteer roles in the wider community including as the Chair of WestCycle and a member of the Redkite Cancer Council, the UWA Hockey Club Board and the Swanbourne Tigers Junior Football Club Committee. He has also been a volunteer for the Australian Institute of Company Directors across a wide range of sporting and Aboriginal organisations over the years.



Teaming up to enrich lives

Alumni **Clare Wood (Class 1996)** and her friend **Susannah Wallman nee Bourke (Class 1996)** have collaborated to create a ground-breaking not-for-profit organisation that works alongside remote Aboriginal communities to support community-led microenterprises that foster health and wellbeing. Enterprise Partnerships WA (EPWA) has worked with a range of communities to build the capabilities, partnerships and resources required to facilitate entrepreneurship as a vehicle for empowerment, as well as fostering connection to country.

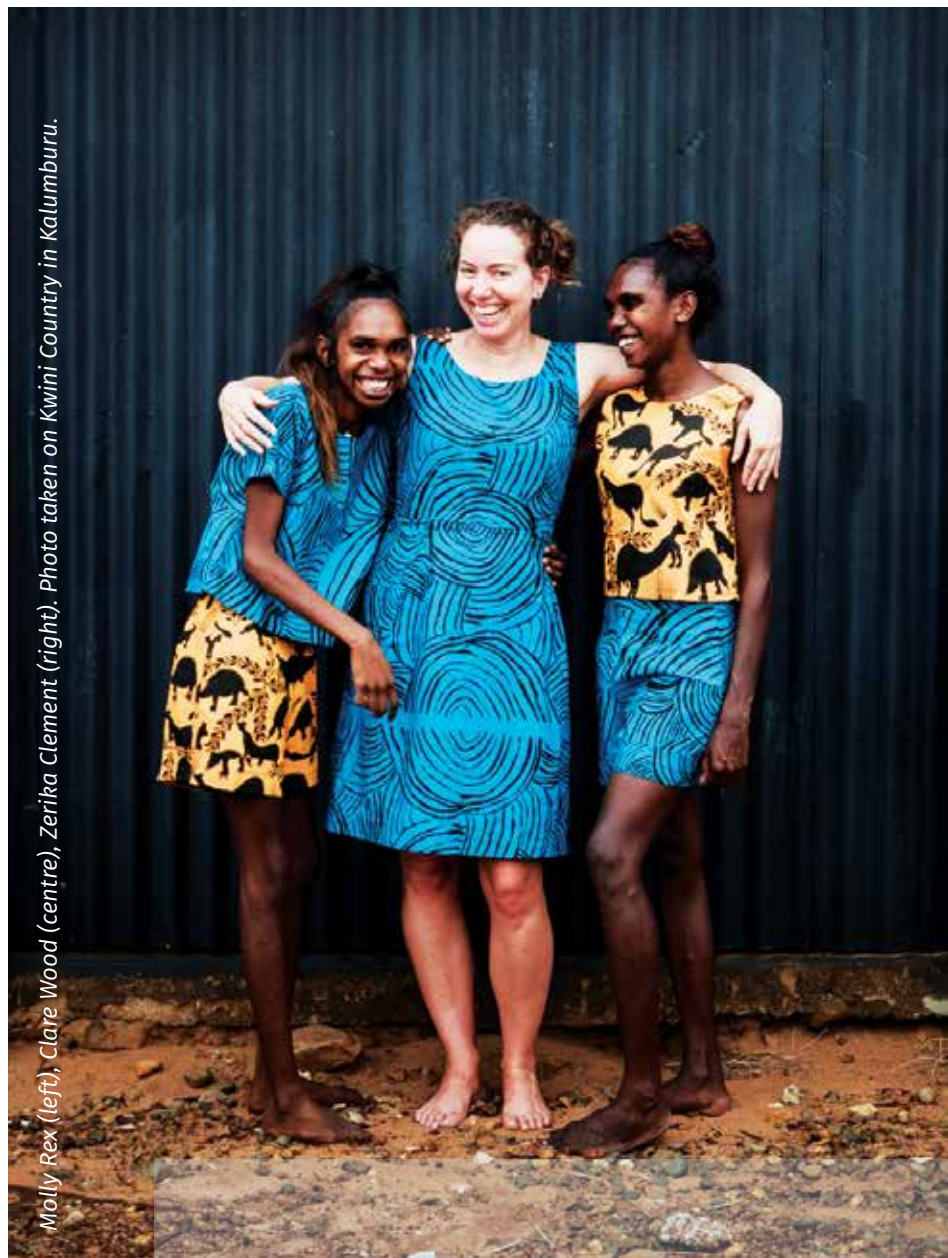
EPWA has been extensively involved with the Tramulla Strong Women's Group in the Kalumburu community in the North Kimberley and has worked to support the women with grant-writing, designing and managing enterprise projects, business development and strategic planning. The organisation has assisted the women to set up and run an op shop and pursue various other goals including developing cultural tourism enterprises and partnerships. EPWA has also assisted the Kalumburu Photography Collective with writing grants and arranging photography workshops and mentors to support members' skills in photography and enterprise development and has been involved in the Balgo Enterprise Activator Project to support young women aged between 16 and 25 years.

'I find it really fulfilling to witness women being able to fulfil their hopes and aspirations for themselves and their communities when given the right support,' says Clare. Susannah considers the opportunity to visit Kalumburu and be welcomed to Kwini country by the women as one of the highlights of her life.

After her occupational therapy studies at Curtin University, Clare completed a Master's degree in narrative therapy and community work at Melbourne University and the use of stories and how they shape our lives has strongly influenced her work. Her early career focused on child and adolescent mental health in rural and remote communities, in particular in Aboriginal mental health. In recent years Clare has worked on a number of projects to foster mental health and wellbeing in communities both in the south-west and in remote

areas of the Kimberley and Northern Territory. This work has involved supporting communities responding to trauma and mental health concerns in creative ways.

Susannah studied physiotherapy at Curtin University and worked in Karratha for a year as a new graduate at the local hospital before working and travelling overseas for four years. She says that she has always been interested in health and wellbeing and how our communities and societies influence these. 'Working as a physio from 2000 to 2008 was great exposure to health systems and people's lived experience and



Molly Rex (left), Clare Wood (centre), Zerika Clement (right). Photo taken on Kwini Country in Kalumburu.

I was keen to explore how I could be involved in improving these systems,' says Susannah. She sought out opportunities to take on new roles in project management and health policy and advocacy in Perth and then Melbourne, while also completing an MBA part-time. Susannah credits the strong importance placed upon community service and social justice

in both her primary school years at Loreto Primary School and her secondary education at John XXIII College as helping to set her on her future path. 'Fundraising for charities, helping out with meals-on-wheels and involvement in school and community events I think all definitely contributed to my interest in health and wellbeing and social justice,' says Susannah.

When Susannah returned to live in Perth in 2014, she reconnected with Clare to establish Enterprise Partnerships WA. Susannah and Clare both believe deeply in the importance of volunteering and service to others. 'Volunteering is a great way to connect people in communities, particularly at a time when social isolation is a significant issue,' says Susannah. 'For young people I think it can build confidence and readiness for work and can help people to navigate areas of employment that they may be interested in in the future. I think it also can help young people, or people of any age, to build and expand their world-view and build skills in empathy, problem-solving and teamwork.'

Clare agrees strongly with this belief, adding: 'I think contributing to the lives of others is significant and important in society. I feel strongly about the need to use our positions of privilege to support communities who have experienced oppression and the ongoing effects of colonisation.' Both Susannah and Clare believe that volunteering has definite two-way benefits. 'I feel that I have learnt so many new things from being involved in volunteer and not-for-profit work,' says Susannah, 'and to keep learning is very fulfilling. Working in this space is also very empowering; to feel like my work has a purpose and meaning is something I feel fortunate about.'

More information about Enterprise Partnerships WA can be found at www.enterprisepartnerships.org.au

The call to contribute

Deirdre House nee McCarthy (Loreto Class 1960)

has clearly absorbed the call to contribute to her community that is the hallmark of a Catholic education. Deirdre and her five siblings were all taught by the Loreto sisters, and her two older brothers went on to St Louis for their secondary schooling. In her professional life, Deirdre has held a range of roles including working for an insurance company and as a personal assistant in an architecture firm, and then working in fashion and gift stores. Deirdre and her husband Ray have just celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary and have three children, Julie, Christina and Michael, who



all attended Loreto Primary School and John XXIII College. Her six grandchildren were all educated in the Catholic education system, with Nicholas Ehlers (Class 2010) an Alumni of John XXIII College.

Deirdre's commitment to the Catholic imperative to pursue social justice saw her joining the Loreto Past Pupils' Association Committee, where she has devoted 13 years to fundraising for various causes and encouraging others to do the same. She also held the role of President of the Association and introduced the popular wine fundraiser, which has raised around \$24, 000 over the past five years. 'It brings me great satisfaction to be able to support and donate funds to the Loreto sisters living in faraway countries in their missionary work educating children and caring for the poor,' says Deirdre. She also believes that volunteer involvement has been a wonderful way of renewing old friendships and meeting new people.

Deirdre is also a long-term volunteer for Vinnies, which is one of the charities actively supported by the John XXIII College community. Drawing on her background in retail, Deirdre commenced volunteer work at the Vinnies Claremont retail store 18 years ago. 'Vinnies appealed to me as I love meeting new people from all walks of life,' says Deirdre. 'It also opened my eyes to the huge range of different supports that the St Vincent de Paul Society gives to the disadvantaged. There are 53 retail shops in Western Australia, and 630 shops nationwide. At the Claremont store, there are 50 volunteers. Without the volunteers, these shops would not be able to achieve the wonderful results they do. I like to contribute because, in a small way, I'm helping to improve the lives of people who need a hand up.'



A statue with a story

The beautiful statue of Pope John XXIII is a familiar and iconic sight at the College, and it has a meaningful and inspiring history. The statue was crafted and presented in 1989 by Khoat Van Nguyen, a Vietnamese sculptor and refugee, as an act of gratitude to the John XXIII College community, which was educating his five younger children.

Mr Nguyen and his family had fled Communist-ruled North Vietnam in 1954 when he was 15 years old. They settled in Saigon where Mr Nguyen later graduated from the Saigon Art School in 1963 at the age of 24. He created many sculptures in Vietnam before escaping on a boat from the invading armies with his wife and seven children in 1978.

In Perth, Loreto sister Sr Dympna McNamara ibvm found the family in a refugee holding camp. Sr Dympna had been visiting each week to teach English and to help prepare the newly-arrived refugees to find employment. She helped families get to Mass on a Sunday and would arrange for some of the girls to attend Loreto and the boys to enrol at St Louis where possible. When Loreto and St Louis amalgamated in 1977, the newly-formed John XXIII College continued the tradition of offering education to refugee families, among them the younger members of the Nguyen family.

When John XXIII College finally relocated to its new campus in 1986, Mr Nguyen offered to create a sculpture of Pope John XXIII as a thank you to the College for educating his five younger children. Mr Nguyen first produced a maquette, then worked on his sculpture in the

garden of his home in North Perth. This caused a great deal of interest for passing motorists as the sculpture gradually rose high above his front fence. Upon completion, the sculpture was relocated to the John XXIII College Mt Claremont campus in 1989. Incorporated into the sculpture are the names of the five Nguyen children who attended the College, which can be seen on the side of the school case carried by one of the children: B.Tuyet 1982, K.Minh 1987, K.Thu 1989, S.Thao 1992 and T.Michael 1997. Mr Nguyen also included the cricket bat to symbolise the fair play and welcome of the Australian people.

Mr Nguyen went on to become a well-respected sculptor in Western Australia. His bronze sculpture of a Vietnamese and an Australian soldier can be seen at the Australia-Vietnam Memorial in Synergy Parkland, Kings Park. The Nguyen children who attended John XXIII College have thrived and followed diverse career paths in fields including art, architecture and construction, library and information services, forestry and environmental sciences, marketing, logistics and management and early childhood education in Japan.

Mr Nguyen and his wife recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and are enjoying their retirement, surrounded by their children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr Nguyen still creates sculptures and artworks. The Pope John XXIII sculpture has become a much-loved icon and Mr Nguyen returned to the College in 2000 to be recognised at a special assembly and to receive a plaque, which he treasures greatly.





BUILDING THE FUTURE

The John XXIII College Foundation: Be part of our journey

John XXIII College prides itself on being at the forefront of contemporary learning and providing every single student with an individualised world-class Catholic education.

We have always sought to offer a diverse and exciting range of opportunities in and out of the classroom for our students, to recruit and retain the highest-calibre staff members and ensure that they have the resources they need, and to provide our students with an unparalleled educational environment, including cutting-edge facilities, inspiring contemporary learning spaces and a beautiful campus.

All of this takes significant financial resources and a future-focused commitment to long-term planning.

Over the years, members of our College community have been incredibly generous in giving back to their alma mater, and gifts from Alumni and their families have played a vital role in developing our facilities, enhancing our teaching and learning programs and opening up accessibility to the College.

At this critical stage of our journey, as we implement our visionary 20-year Master Plan, we are calling on our Alumni to be part of the College's exciting future.



A community for life

The John XXIII College Foundation was established in 1989 to support the development of the College and to ensure that the generous tradition of giving for the benefit of students today, and into the future, continued.

Terry O'Connor AM, the Chair of the College Council at the time, expressed this call eloquently, stating:

'The Catholic system was built upon the self-sacrifice of teachers, parents and students over a lengthy period of time. The dedication of those before us should continue to provide an inspiration for all of us.'

Since that time, the Foundation has been profoundly important in supporting the growth of the College and helping to facilitate the outstanding educational experience that we are able to offer our students.

In the coming years, the Foundation will facilitate more avenues for the John XXIII College community to support the College as it continues to thrive. By engaging with the past, present and future College community, the Foundation is tasked with supporting the faith, values and mission of John XXIII College – through social justice initiatives, faith enrichment, infrastructure and bursaries.

This passion for John XXIII College is also exhibited by the inaugural Patron of the Foundation, Winthrop Professor Fiona M Wood FRACS AM.

Professor Wood's dedication to the College community, her contributions to society in general and her spirit of generosity are strongly aligned with the values of the College and the Foundation.

'I am honoured to be Patron and to help where I can,' says Professor Wood. 'I had so much support and friendship through my 19 years of association with the College as my six children progressed all the way through.'



Being Patron gives me the opportunity to help others and building the Foundation builds the community around JTC so we can all care for each other.'

The Foundation provides a range of giving initiatives so you can choose how you would like to make a difference to John XXIII College. You can make sure that current and future generations of students continue to enjoy the extraordinary opportunities that we offer.

Every gift, no matter its size, makes a difference to the opportunities and learning environment we can offer our students and we are deeply grateful to everyone who makes a gift to support John XXIII College.

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Planting seeds and launching lives: The Bursary Program

Throughout its history, the Catholic Church all over the world has always put enormous resources and energies into creating a comprehensive system of education, and in ensuring that opportunities and learning were provided for all.

So fundamental is this principle that Pope Francis included it in the second apostolic exhortation of his papacy, *Amoris Laetitia* ('The Joy of Love'), calling on the faithful to take action to ensure that quality Catholic education was available to all, and particularly to the marginalised in our societies.

From the early days of our nation, different orders of Catholic sisters and brothers have battled enormous challenges to deliver education to all. Both of our founding orders – the Jesuits and the Loreto Sisters – realised how profoundly important a humanistic education was and devoted themselves to the provision of quality, transformative education to all.

Both Mary Ward and Ignatius of Loyola recognised that education was not an end in itself, but a means to lead the student to care about other human beings and to participate in the creation of a better world,

and both were devoted to ensuring a preferential option for the poor.

At John XXIII College we have a strong history and tradition of providing education to those who may otherwise not have had this opportunity. While we already offer substantial discounts to low-income families through the Health Care Card scheme, a new initiative to offer a Bursary to a student to support them through their entire secondary education has now become possible thanks to the generosity of our donors.

The Bursary Program will be a formalised continuation of this proud tradition, enabling all at the College to benefit from the diversity and richness of a school community that reflects society, and a College committed to offering educational excellence to those who could not otherwise afford it.

The Bursary Program will commence in 2022 with one placement and expand with the support of the community, offering a launching pad for lives full of potential.

The Bursary is funded through donations made to the John XXIII College Bursary Fund. We have been fortunate that members of the John XXIII College

*'We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that
they hold future promise. We lay foundations
that will need further development.'*

From 'The Oscar Romero Prayer', by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw.



community have chosen to make significant gifts to the Bursary Fund since it was established several years ago, and this means that the Fund has the financial capacity to now commence the Bursary Program. The assets within the Bursary Fund are carefully managed by the John XXIII College Foundation Investment Committee, which adheres to the investment guidelines of the John XXIII College Foundation Board.

The Bursary will include tuition fees for the duration of the student's education. The allocation of additional resources (which may include resource fees, elective fees, books and uniforms) will be at the discretion of the Foundation. Any Australian citizen or permanent resident is eligible to apply for this Bursary. Applications open on 20 April 2021 and close 3pm on 7 May 2021. A placement will be available in 2022 for a student in Year 7 or above. Current families are eligible to apply.

Every donation helps

In our Jesuit tradition, we often speak of a faith and justice in action. Our Bursary Program is a significant way that we can seek to pursue distributive justice in our local community. All gifts to the Bursary fund will help to enrich and change the life of the recipient of the Bursary. All gifts over \$2 are tax deductible.

A gift of:

\$50 per month will fund all books for one year

\$2,000 will provide all uniforms for several years

\$20,000 will cover all costs (and extra activities) for a student for one year

\$100,000 will provide for a six-year Bursary for a student.

Spread the word

We also encourage our Alumni community to share information about the Bursary with any families they feel may be able to benefit from this kind of assistance for their child, and to encourage them to apply.

To get more information on the Bursary Program or to make an online donation, visit:

foundation.johnxxiii.edu.au/bursary

Spaces to flourish

John XXIII College is renowned for the outstanding and unique design of our beautiful campus and the quality of our facilities. The next two years will see exciting major developments as we embark upon an ambitious project to profoundly enhance our learning and teaching facilities including our 'A' Block and library, as well as creating a new administration building and enhancing the College frontage and parking areas. Our Master Plan, which provides a strategic framework for all developments, takes as its guiding principle the idea that our physical environment should respond to the needs of our future 21st century thinkers, leaders and innovators.



Artist's impression: refurbished library

College Principal Mr Robert Henderson:

'Here at John XXIII College, everything we do is guided by the need to provide both metaphorical and literal spaces for young people to flourish. Our capital development program is not just about creating impressive buildings, it is about developing the best possible contemporary learning and teaching environments. School design is now well recognised to be a fundamental part of educational reform. We have drawn on a growing body of knowledge about the most effective learning environments, and applied best-practice principles to every aspect of our facility-development process, from the early strategic and educational planning stages all the way through to the design and construction of environments that are flexible, student-centred, developmentally appropriate, engaging and accessible for all. We also want to ensure that we consider the larger context, including formal and informal learning networks, and our interaction with our community.'

Former College Principal Ms Anne Fry led the College through a transformative stage of development during her leadership from 2006 to 2015, encompassing many of our iconic facilities. Ms Fry says:

'The guiding principle was verity: to do what we do well. The Ignatian tradition of being our best meant we built buildings and facilities of quality; ones that would endure and ones that would allow for the best academic, pastoral, spiritual or physical development of the students. I always loved to try and include respectful and aesthetic acknowledgement of the Founders in the design, philosophy and naming of the facilities that were designed and built in my time at the College.'

A concerted focus on learning also informed the building program under the leadership of Principal Greg Clune (1994 to 2005), who says:

'The purpose of all improvements was to provide excellent facilities to support a broad and diverse curriculum which enhanced the breadth of student learning options and pathways. Judicious use of funds and value for money were always underpinning principles. The naming of buildings was used to reflect the history/traditions of the Loreto and Jesuit orders and Australian Church history.'

The enormous generosity of our College community has helped us to create the campus that we are so proud of today. Previous gifts have enabled us to establish the Information and Technology Centre, Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre and the Technology and Enterprise Centre.



Technology and Enterprise Centre

Funds have also supported the purpose-built, universally-accessible facilities of our Mary Ward Primary and Secondary to welcome students with diverse learning requirements. Ms Fry says:

'There are many ways that the generosity of the John XXIII community was important in the building programs. I used to feel it in the spirit of the place; the audacious, courageous and generous imagination of those who dreamed of the creation of a K-12 Ignatian College to carry forth the great traditions of the Jesuits and the Loreto Sisters. I saw the generosity of the community in its response to the capital levies and building appeals, in the

involvement of so many parents on committees where they shared their professional skills as well as personal commitment to John XXIII College. I saw it in the generous affection and pride that the community had for the beauty, scale and ambience of the campus. Every day I would find something large or small as I walked around the College that brought me to a sacred place of wonder and awe. There is something so unique about the College campus that must be preserved for future generations to enjoy. The contemplative spaces, landscaped beauty and masterful design of the campus buildings form essential elements of being educated at John XXIII College. Such attention to design detail is good for the mind, body and spirit!'



Artist's impression: new College reception

Current Principal Mr Robert Henderson adds:

'It is an incredible honour to have taken on the mantle of the previous College Principals, and of course our founding orders, and to be leading the College through this exciting new stage of its development. On behalf of generations of students, I am extremely grateful for the generosity that our College community has shown in the past and I encourage anyone who wishes to make a donation to our Building Fund to contact me directly to discuss this. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and your contribution will allow us to fast-track our 20-year Master Plan.'

How to donate

If you are interested in making a donation to the Foundation's Building Fund visit:

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or call Catherine Jordan on (08) 9383 0404 to chat with Principal Robert Henderson.

An inspiring journey

Loreto Claremont Osborne Tower, 1908



1897 Loreto Sisters opened Adelaide Tce **1938** St Louis opened by the Jesuits **1976** New John XXIII College crest designed by architect and artist Iris Rossen **1977** Loreto and St Louis amalgamated to create John XXIII College. The first Head Boy and Head Girl were John Wray and Mary White **1981** Negotiations and acquisition of Mount Claremont site **1985** Land cleared and earthworks commenced **1986** New John XXIII College Mount Claremont campus opened. The first Head Boy and Head Girl of new campus were Benedict Pownall (dec) and Emily

Rohr **1989** Inauguration of the John XXIII College Foundation **1989** Pope John XXIII sculpture presented as a thank you gift by artist Khoat Van Nguyen

1990 John XXIII College House system established **1992** Susan Knox (1969-1992) Pool installed



and landscaping at the front of the College completed **1994** Building of a retaining wall and grassing in front of secondary and more playing fields planned for 1995 **1994** John XXIII College surplus landfill gas used to subsidise HBF Stadium (Challenge Stadium) natural gas for hot water systems

as part of its sustainability efforts. In 2014, we received an award from the Water Board for this initiative **1995** Pre-Primary facility opened, groundwater storage pond built **1996** Mary Ward Primary opened, cover for Chisholm Pavilion installed, two extra rooms added to 'D' Block **1997** Loreto Past Pupils' Association Scholarship established. The first recipient was Amy-Louise Evans

in 1998 **1997** Implementation of the new John XXIII College uniform **1997** Decision made to increase Year 8 intake to six classes, to come into effect in

1998 **2000** Benjamin Monaghan Scholarship established **2000** John XXIII College Pilgrimage Program established, led by Greg Clune in conjunction



with the Loreto Sisters **2001**

Benjamin Monaghan Scholarship awarded to Dexter Johnson. **2002** Mary

Ward Secondary opened (partly funded by donations) **2003** Completion and opening of Master Plan works including Thomas More Exhibition Centre,

Materials and Technology Centre, Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre and new ICT office as well as considerable extensions to the Art Department,

including the refurbishment of the art room and extension of the pottery and ceramics facility (partly funded by donations) **2003** Commercial kitchen and Circle of Friends Café opened

2008 Jesuit Science and Environment Centre opened **2008** A classroom and garden added

to 'B' Block **2008** First Alumni Development Officer, Anna Gingell, appointed **2008** Roncalli



Mooro Drive landscaping, 1986



Mary Ward Secondary under construction, 2002



Campus under construction, with Sr Denise, 1985

College Pilgrimage Program, established 2000

Mary Ward sculpture being installed, 2009

The newly opened St Louis Sports Centre, 2013

Care formed by parents of John XXIII College to support families undergoing difficulties **2008** Environment Centre opened and named to honour the Jesuit contribution to education in WA **2009** Julia de Salès Field Centre, including the Osborne Room, opened to accommodate the Year 7 intake into secondary school **2009** Mary Ward sculpture by Meliesa Judge commissioned to commemorate 400 years of Mary Ward's contribution to education **2010** Primary Angelo's Village opened, supported by the Parents' Association **2011**



Opening of Angelo's Village, 2010



Statue of Montserrat purchased from Spain on behalf of the College by Fr Greg Jacobs sj for the College chapel **2011** New Kindergarten built adjoining the current facility, allowing the College to expand its offering in the early years **2011** Mary Ward Primary extension **2011** Installation of a grid connect solar energy system **2012** Re-development of the Xavier Wing for Learning Enrichment and Religious Education **2012** College rebrand, including

refinements to College logo **2013** St Louis Sports Centre blessed and opened **2013** John XXIII College Foundation Constitution established **2013** Roll-out of iPad devices for students in Years 5 to 10 and class access for students in Years 1 to 4 **2014** Ignatius Loyola sculpture by Meliesa Judge commissioned to commemorate the Jesuit heritage of the College **2014**



Painting the fresco of Pope John XXIII, 2014

Fresco of Pope John XXIII commissioned by Dr Alan Pascuzzi and painted on the chapel wall to celebrate the canonisation of Pope John XXIII **2014** Cisco Meraki Stack high-efficiency system manager and mobile device management platform introduced to provide the best-quality internet connectivity across the entire campus, including to 2000+ electronic devices and covering all outdoor areas **2015** St Francis Xavier Playground, which encourages natural and



The new St Francis Xavier Playground, 2015

imaginative play, opened on the junior primary oval, supported by the Parents' Association. This playground is dedicated to St Francis Xavier; one of the early companions of St Ignatius and patron saint of Australia. Funded through the generosity of the Parents' Association and families who contribute to the Capital Levy. **2016** Loreto Performing Arts Centre opened **2018** John XXIII College Foundation Bursary Fund established with DGR status **2018** John XXIII College



Loreto Performing Arts Centre, opened 2016

Foundation Executive Officer appointed **2018** John XXIII College launched its 20-year Master Plan **2019** John XXIII College Foundation Building Fund established with DGR status **2020** Redesigned and refurbished Mary Ward Primary playground opened **2020** Time capsule buried in the primary garden by Alumni Joshua Byrne (Class 1992) **2021** First John XXIII College Foundation Bursary offered for a student in 2022, made possible entirely through donations

A LIFE'S WORK

Jim Miller (Class 1967) is widely recognised as a passionate, inspiring and committed educational leader and his contribution to Catholic education over the 50 years of his career has been extraordinary. In a lovely circle, Jim commenced his teaching career at St Louis in 1972 (and then at the newly-formed John XXIII College) and then nearly 50 years later, after an impressive career in various leadership roles, returned to the College to take charge of the Magis Gifted and Talented Program.

Jim is also a highly talented sportsman, and was a John XXIII College 'Team of the Century' full forward. The team was a selection of sporting stars who played for St Louis or John XXIII College between 1938 and 2010. Across his career Jim has been intensively involved in coaching various sporting teams. He was the first recipient of the St Sebastian Fellowship for service to sport, which is the Association of Catholic Colleges' highest award.

'John XXIII College is incredibly fortunate to have Jim on staff,' says Principal Robert Henderson. 'He is an extraordinary role model and mentor to our gifted students, a highly skilled educator and a devoted community member. The Magis Program has flourished under his inspired and dedicated direction.'

Tell us about your connection to Catholic education?

I attended St Louis, graduating in 1967, and look forward greatly to the Class of 1967 reunions; we will have our 55th celebration next year. I remember my first St Louis teacher, the legendary Mrs Kath Urquhart in Year 4 with great affection, and some of the many key teachers I admired in secondary school included Fr Bert Balding, who provided so many opportunities for students in those days, Fr Williams and Fr Peter Quin, to name just a few. My 50 years of teaching has all been in Catholic schools and my son Matthew was educated at John XXIII College, graduating in 1993. I often attend Fremantle Dockers games with a group of Alumni from the Class of 1993.

What sparked your love of teaching and learning?

My mother was a teacher and a West Australian writer who inspired my love of teaching and probably influenced my longevity in the profession. She retired at 67 but then had a writing career that lasted until her mid-nineties, her last published work being a full-page article on Oxford University in the *West Australian* newspaper at the age of 95. So my mother kindled my love of teaching and particularly

literature, whilst my father was the catalyst for the sport which has been such a significant part of my teaching career. My senior leadership roles at the different colleges have been extremely rewarding, and it has been an enormous privilege to work with so many outstanding teachers and students over the years as well as the incredible parents who are such a rewarding aspect of Catholic education.

Tell us about your educational career to date?

I attended St Louis as a student and it was my first teaching post in 1972. My main roles were Sportsmaster and Year Team Leader, and when St Louis amalgamated with Loreto I became John XXIII College's first Sportsmaster in 1977. A highlight from this time was setting up the extremely successful John XXIII Alumni Football and Cricket Clubs with the help of some wonderful teachers and past pupils. In 1997 I changed to dual roles of Year 12 Team Leader and Head of English Literature. In 1983 I was appointed Deputy Principal of St Brendan's College in Hilton and was Principal in the final year of that College's existence before it amalgamated with De Vialar College to become Seton Catholic College in 1990. I was Deputy Principal at Seton until the year 2000 when I was appointed Head of Senior School at St Brigid's College. I spent 17 years in this role, completing my third contract in 2017. A chance discussion with John XXIII College Vice Principal Kath Negus at the 2017 Catholic Deputies Conference at Bunker Bay led to the wonderful opportunity to return to John XXIII College in 2018 in my current role as Magis Coordinator.

What's your current role at John XXIII College?

My current role at John XXIII College is Coordinator of the Magis Gifted and Talented Program. In addition I teach Year 12 ATAR Religion and Life and coach the First XI Cricket. My focus in developing the Magis Program over the past few years since I returned to the College has been to enhance and develop the opportunities and resources offered to gifted and talented students, to recognise and celebrate their achievements, and to encourage far more gifted students to represent both their College and Houses.

The current John XXIII College Magis Program now offers students the chance to compete in most of the top Western Australian gifted student competitions, a thriving House academic challenge competition run by Magis but open to all students, a series of academic breakfast seminars featuring external experts plus outstanding former students,

a very extensive set of academic resources, a Magis leadership committee with students from each year group, and the opportunity to participate in special enrichment days including Julie Arliss Academy Conferences, TEDx, University of Notre Dame Australia's Cultural Decoding Program and the three day Global Issues event. In addition, Magis is running three enrichment camps this year including a Leadership Camp, a Rottneest Enrichment Camp and a Middle School Camp at Point Walter, whilst splendid associated programs like the Astronomy and Drone Clubs have become very popular.



Each of these opportunities has enhanced the development of John XXIII College students, not just intellectually, but socially and culturally, whilst promoting a vision of the responsibility of gifted students to develop their leadership and communication skills to serve their community and other students. Some special highlights in the past few years have included fine successes in competitions like Debating, Mock Trials, Mooting, Tournament of Minds, Opti-MINDS, Creative Edge, Da Vinci Decathlon and World Scholar's Cup, whilst competing for the first time in events such as Ethics Olympiad and International Debating last year. A special highlight has been tours with World Scholar's Cup to Sydney and Melbourne for their global rounds, whilst three John XXIII College teams have now had the honour of competing with significant success in the World Scholars' Tournament of Champions at Yale University in America in 2018 and 2019. The program also offers the exciting Space Camp to America in alternate years (depending on COVID-19), and sends a team to the Jesuit Debating Championships, usually held in Melbourne or Sydney.

How do you think that teaching has changed across the course of your career?

Teaching has changed significantly over the years in some aspects, but not others. Life was simpler 50 years ago, schools and parents tended to be stricter and the range of opportunities was actually excellent but far less than is now available. I remember the simplicity of usually only having one or two meetings



per term when I started teaching, but in my final years at St Brigid's there were always at least two per day, and this has continued both with teachers and more particularly Magis students at John XXIII. The most significant change however has of course been in the technology field, particularly computers and the internet, which have opened up amazing new worlds of learning. Teachers now most certainly must become lifelong learners if they are to be successful in the modern era and ubiquitous personal development programs are available. These changes have meant teachers now need to constantly update their skills, learn new programs and develop far greater time management skills than was the case 50 years ago. COVID-19 has seen new pressures placed on schools. These however may facilitate significant future changes to schooling including flexibility of timetables and the school day, while programs like Zoom and Microsoft Teams have enabled students to learn from home. I find there is increasingly more excellent professional development available, with our College being outstanding in this regard and I have also benefitted significantly from membership

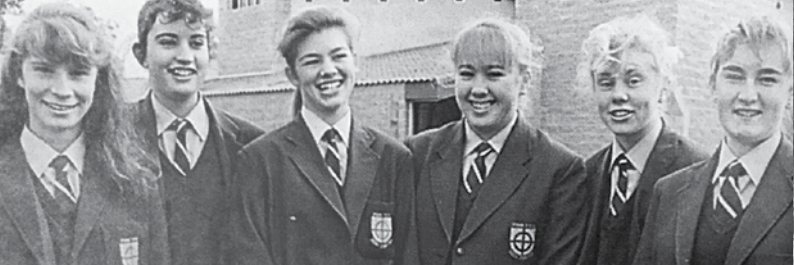
of committees outside school which can be very advantageous in keeping up with latest practices.

What have you loved about working in Catholic education, and at John XXIII College in particular?

Teaching has been my life, apart from my wonderful family and my sporting careers. I have been enormously impressed with the way Catholic education has developed so professionally over the years and have always had the greatest admiration for the seminal influence of Dr Peter Tannock's leadership, both of Catholic education and of the University of Notre Dame Australia. The Jesuit and Ignatian traditions continue to provide foundation and direction at John XXIII College. When the Jesuit order was founded in 1534 it performed a vital role in the Catholic Church, providing a highly-educated group of men able to respond effectively to many challenges such as the Reformation. The love of learning and focus on servant leadership continue to be central to Jesuit education today, as evidenced in John XXIII College's focus on 'Great Minds, Good Hearts' and the Magis focus on 'More', challenging us to develop as individuals to truly fulfil our potential and serve our communities to the best of our abilities. This sense of history, tradition and belonging has been central to my love of John XXIII College and of the teaching profession.

Tell us some of the highlights of your career.

There have been many highlights in my career. Some of them include my 35 years in leadership roles of Deputy Principal or Head of Senior School, gaining a Master's of Education (Leadership and Administration) at the age of 60, serving on the WA Literature Syllabus Committee, being the first-ever recipient of the highest award from the ACC (the St Sebastian Fellowship Award for service to sport) and coordinating the Moore Division (the elite division of WAFL secondary school girls football since its inception in 2009). I have also greatly enjoyed organising more than 20 overseas school tours in the past 15 years, coaching more than 200 sporting and debating teams and running over 100 school camps.



THE TEST OF TIME



A school uniform is an important part of creating a sense of belonging and community and enhancing students' pride in their school. Our uniform here at John XXIII College has certainly stood the test of time and is widely positively regarded. The uniform as we currently know it was first implemented in 1997. Following the amalgamation of Loreto and St Louis, students were permitted to wear their respective school uniforms for several years, so that parents did not have to incur additional expenses in purchasing new uniforms. Originally the decision was made to make the College colours royal blue and white for girls and grey and white for boys. In 1995 the development process of a new uniform that would reflect the co-educational Pre-Primary to Year 12 nature of the College was commenced, with the vital assistance of renowned fashion designer and College parent Liz Davenport. The navy blue colour was chosen to reflect the use of the colour blue in both schools' heritages. Over time the uniform saw a few minor changes and additions, but it is a tribute to the classic original design that it has never needed a major overhaul. School hats were not originally included, but as awareness of their value as sun protection grew, they were incorporated into the uniform. In 2000, uniform trousers were made available to girls. The College blazer was introduced in 2012 for Year 7 students, and in 2013 it was made part of the uniform for all secondary students. Various other additions were made over time as needed such as College rash-vests and rowing shirts, as well as the popular leavers' jackets.

Farewell to Bev Sainsbury

The uniform shop has become a fixture of College life, initially operating out of the room adjacent to the canteen (now the commercial kitchen), and then relocating to the caretaker's cottage near the carpark on John XXIII Avenue. For more than 20 years, Bev Sainsbury has been the smiling face of the uniform shop, coming on board as a volunteer in 1997 when the new uniform was being rolled out and becoming a staff member the following year. In 2001, Bev became the manager of the uniform shop and her friendly, positive nature and warmth and care for all students and families has been enormously appreciated by the entire College community. Bev has a longstanding connection to Catholic education, with all her five children attending Loreto Primary School in Nedlands and then John XXIII College for secondary school. Bev also worked as a relief teacher at Loreto and at the former Koolyangarra campus. A dedicated community member, Bev has long been involved in various aspects of College life including school fairs, volunteering in the canteen and making costumes for musicals. Bev says that she has loved her 24 years at the uniform shop and feels as though it has become her sixth child! With 13 grandchildren, Bev is very much looking forward to spending more time with her family during her retirement. We thank Bev for her incredible contribution to College life over so many years and wish her all the best for the years to come.



ALUMNI ACCOLADES

It's almost impossible to keep track of the many awards, scholarships and honours that our talented Alumni achieve. We are always delighted to hear of the different ways that our graduates' success is being recognised in the world.

Comedy for a cause

Jimmy James Eaton (Class 1999) has been recognised for using his considerable comedic and dramatic skills to assist children battling cancer. A professional comedian, actor and television producer, Jimmy has been heavily involved in producing, writing, directing and live streaming interactive online content for the Starlight Children's Foundation, entertaining children and winning the organisation some exciting accolades. The LIVE digital online entertainment platform Jimmy helped design and develop was the case study that just won the Starlight Children's Foundation the



title of Australian Financial Review BOSS Most Innovative Not-For-Profit Company of 2020, as well as winning the 2020 CEO Think Innovation award. 'I was absolutely chuffed to help the organisation to be so highly recognised,' says Jimmy, who finds his work to be incredibly rewarding.

Jimmy fell in love with film-making while at John XXIII College thanks to the inspiration of beloved drama teacher George Tsakisiris, who allowed him and his friends to borrow the College video camera at lunchtime to make short films. 'By some miracle I passed my TEE and went on to study film and television at Edith Cowan University,' says Jimmy. 'Being a bit of a clown at school, it might not surprise you to hear that soon after finishing school, I did my first ever stand-up comedy set for a national competition in Perth. A month later I was at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival standing in front of a live audience of 3000 people as well as the entire nation watching on TV. Luckily it was filmed as I was so nervous that I don't even remember it.'

Since then, Jimmy has gone on to become an acclaimed professional comedian, actor and producer, working for Channel 9, 7, ABC, Channel V and Nova. He has also appeared in a range of television shows and films, as well as voicing many characters for animations, most recently voicing the characters 'Crawly The Bee' and 'Craig The Cockroach' in a film series called *Maya The Bee* which was released in cinemas this January. 'Talk about type casting!' says Jimmy.

Jimmy firmly believes that life is a journey, not a destination. 'No matter what I achieve or how old I get, I can always keep learning and growing,' says Jimmy. 'Life is about balance. Just because I'm getting close to 40 doesn't mean you have to stop having fun and enjoying life. Maintaining a sense of joy and childlike curiosity is actually a huge part of my success; it's what helps me stay creative, innovative and able to pivot at a moment's notice (which was very helpful in 2020 during Victoria's months of lockdown).'

He plans to keep on enjoying the journey rather than worrying too much about the idea of what he should be. He is very excited by the new frontier of web-based entertainment and the incredible new creative opportunities it brings.

Jimmy met his wife Maddy through the Starlight Foundation and the couple lives in Melbourne. They are premiering their live (and online) kids comedy show Maddy and Jimmy and the Brick of Destiny for the 2021 Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Tickets are on sale now!

Words of wisdom for current John XXIII students

'Firstly, congratulations! You're at a really great school. Back when I was at your school, I had a vague idea of what I liked, but I had no idea what I wanted to be or where I wanted to go. I didn't have all the answers, so you don't have to have them either. Rather than look at it as a scary unknown destination, see it as an exciting opportunity to discover what you like through your journey. Always be open to change, see your mistakes as opportunities to learn and grow and, no matter how old you get, always take time to have fun and be curious!'

The best version of myself

A talented all-rounder, **Ashleigh Smith (Class 2020)** received the 2020 Proxime Accessit Award, which recognises the student with the second-highest predicted ATAR each year. As well as excelling academically during her challenging final year, Ashleigh was presented with the prestigious John XXIII Award, which is given to the student who best embodies the ethos of the College.

'These awards have really meant a lot to me,' says Ashleigh, who is embarking upon a combined Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Laws at Curtin University. 'To have received the Proxime Accessit Award to recognise my academic efforts made all the sacrifices and

difficult times during school life all the more worth it. I am still processing winning the John XXIII Award. John XXIII has given me so many unique and special opportunities and experiences that I will always treasure and, having been a member of the College for 14 years, I can't express how much it meant to receive this award. It will always have an impact on my life choices as I will endeavour to continue to reflect the values of competence, compassion, conscience and commitment to God that this school has instilled within me and its wider community. I think it will always guide me to try and be the best version of myself that I can be.'





advantage of the COVID-19 situation to be at home more so that she could be there for me, is something that I can only hope to be able to do when I have children of my own.'

During her time at university Ashleigh would love to complete a semester abroad in Japan to continue with her studies of Japanese. She also plans to complete a Master's degree in secondary education, majoring in politics and law. Ashleigh was actively engaged in various volunteer commitments while at John XXIII College and continuing her community service is a vital part of her future plans. This year she plans to volunteer at a soup kitchen and for St Vincent De Paul, as well as taking advantage of other service opportunities provided by Curtin University. Ashleigh is also very eager to work in an Aboriginal community. 'Ever since I went to Beswick in the Northern Territory as part of the John XXIII College Pilgrimage Program, I have wanted to work in an Aboriginal community. The culture and sense of community is truly amazing and I am very eager to learn more about our First Nations Peoples.'

Ashleigh was also awarded the Julia Gillard Women in Leadership Scholarship by Curtin University; a highly competitive honour that recognises high-achieving students who have also displayed considerable leadership qualities. 'Receiving the *Julia Gillard Women in Leadership Scholarship* is still a shock,' says Ashleigh. 'In the current social climate of Australia, I think it is a lucky time to be a woman. New opportunities and experiences, including in leadership, are becoming more accessible to women. While there are still some hurdles and obstacles that women face, I believe that change is possible. Being offered this scholarship does not mean I can change the world, but hopefully it will equip me with the skills needed to try.'

Ashleigh credits her family as her greatest support, and as the most important part of her life: 'My family has been a source of great strength for me. I wouldn't have been able to achieve any of this without the support and guidance of my family and friends behind me. The sacrifices my mum has made to enable me to have a good education and as many opportunities as possible is something that I will always be grateful for. Her support during Year 12 in particular, taking

Words of wisdom for current John XXIII students

'When I was in the lower years of high school I always wished that I could just fast forward through Year 11 and 12 so that I didn't have to do the three-hour exams and could just skip straight into university. Looking back now, Year 11 and 12 were my favourite years of school. The strong relationships you form with your peers, teachers and other staff make these years really special, not to mention all the sports carnivals, the ball and JTC Day in Year 12. My advice would be to not get caught up in looking too far into the future as it caused me quite a lot of stress. Instead, take every day as it comes, do the little things that you need to do to keep on top of your work and study, be kind to your friends and the people around you because everyone is in the same boat and make the most of the opportunities that come your way because you'll never get to do it again.'

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Margaret Herley (Loreto Class 1968)

Being an 'old' Loreto girl (1964 to 1968), I guess I am loosely described as a member of JTC's Alumni, though tend to see myself more in the Loreto 'colours', having been taught generally by Loreto sisters in that time.



My first teaching duties on completion of my studies at the University of Western Australia with a history major, was back at Loreto as a History/English teacher (1973 to 1976) and it was not until 1981 that I joined the staff of JTC where I spent seven happy years as an English teacher, later

being promoted to roles of Head of Year and Head of English. Those years of experience, plus time spent at Loreto Kirribilli working with Sr Margaret Honner (1988 to 1990), helped prepare me for my 15 years as Principal of Iona Presentation College (1994 to 2008).

One never knows where one's experience might lead, but getting involved in professional associations and being an active education professional saw me in 2010 working briefly at Curtin University's School of Education and being invited to join the Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority for a further eight years (2012 to 2020). When I completed my Bachelor of Arts I thought that was the end of my studies, but one never knows what the future might hold, and with the encouragement of a couple of Sydney friends I launched into a Master's at Macquarie University, which, on completion, gave me an advantage over competition when I started applying for principal positions. I count myself as incredibly fortunate at having enjoyed all my jobs and the various roles over my professional career, and indeed, the opportunities working at JTC under Sr Denise Desmarchelier, gave me.

These days I enjoy doing a little consulting for different schools and am now a serious 'caravaner' and traveller. I particularly enjoy trips to the outback with friends; these opportunities have taken me recently to Mt Augustus, as well as the Gibb River Road in the past and other sites north of Kalgoorlie. And I continue to find Europe irresistible! I've always been keen on sport, which these days has me swimming laps, walking my dog on the Attadale foreshore and beaching when possible. I also love singing and joined a choir, which performs for patients at St John of God hospitals.

What advice can I possibly give JTC Alumni? Be sure to pursue a career that gives you joy and in which you can excel. Stay involved with friends and colleagues; I meet up regularly with old Loreto friends and former work colleagues and we continue to have much in common. Stay positive and look out for each other; life is not always as you expect it to be, so roll with the punches and know the sun will come up in the morning. Good luck!

Ben Marshall (Class 2015)

After I finished at JTC in 2015, I commenced my Bachelor of Engineering and Finance at the University of Western Australia. Once I finished the three years of undergraduate studies, I dived straight into my Master's of Mechanical Engineering, which I thoroughly



enjoyed. During these two years I was fortunate enough to complete my internship at Worley, which opened my eyes to the world of engineering and certainly showed me that there was much more to engineering than what I had been exposed to at university. In my

final year of my Master's degree, I decided to focus on finding a design and construction-based engineering role and luckily was able to land a job with Mineral Resources Limited in their mechanical construction team. Other than that, the last five years have been filled with plenty of travel, sport and event work and time has certainly flown by.

Sally Lyons (Class 2013)

It was my John XXIII College Pilgrimage to Vietnam in 2012 that ignited my passion for working with children.

This experience allowed me to find my niche in neonatal intensive care nursing, caring for babies born as early as 23 weeks' gestation and weighing as little as 450g. Having worked in both the public and private sectors, as well as spending 18 months working for the National Health



Service in Scotland, I've been privileged enough to care for hundreds of premature babies and their families. I'm currently at King Edward Memorial Hospital, in the

largest neonatal unit in the southern hemisphere with 100 beds! While the work can definitely be heavy at times, I love my job more every day.

Michael Woods (Class 2001)

I am currently CEO of Tannhauser, a cyber security consultancy based in Perth. At school I focused heavily on extracurriculars, specifically rugby, so my tertiary entrance scores were not ideal. Identifying the right university course was a real challenge. I decided to take the year off and work on the wharf in Fremantle loading livestock onto vessels. Six months into wharf life and after a 28-day round trip to Saudi Arabia on a 200-metre sheep boat I soon thought any university course didn't sound too bad.



I applied for and completed a Bachelor of Business, majoring in electronic commerce and marketing at Edith Cowan University. Still unsure what career I would pursue, I applied for vacation work at Ernst and Young (EY). After two weeks of vacation work, I

was offered a graduate placement learning about technology risk and penetration testing. Luck struck my EY team, winning us a first division Lotto syndicate, which allowed me to fast-track a trip to Europe. I fell in love with London and for 12 years worked there in information security teams in global investment banking. London also gave me a great base to explore Europe and the world.

A work opportunity arose in Singapore where I worked for two years before returning to Perth to start my own cyber security business. I am passionate about keeping businesses and individuals secure and now run a diverse and inclusive team helping clients manage their cyber risk and keep criminals at bay.

Julian Walter (St Louis Class 1972)

Looking back almost 50 years, I still vividly remember my last day at St Louis. I had no idea what I was going to do. Over the summer I had five part-time jobs, all sales related, so I enrolled in a new Bachelor of Business Marketing course at WAIT. Upon graduating, I fell into the housing industry, first selling bricks, but managed to become the assistant marketing manager at Plunkett Homes, WA's oldest and largest home builder at the time. Times got hard, I was retrenched and ended up with the national home builder AV Jennings. By the time I was 28, I thought I could do better, so started my own building company, J-Corp. That year the market

collapsed and Cheryl fell pregnant. Challenging. By the nineties we were the third largest housing group



in Australia. A little restless, I thought I'd try everything at least once. Motorbikes, scuba diving, flying, ocean racing; the list grew.

Our two children went to JTC and now their litter is also attending. Being in my late sixties, I'm trying to hand over the business to Alicia

and Jay in again challenging times. Cheryl and I look forward to more camping/glamping in this magic country, boating time at Rotto and rallying our old cars with like-minded loonies. Our parent network is still strong; a testament to the ethos of JTC. My advice to Alumni; follow your passion and give it your all. There is so much opportunity in life.

Sophie Psaila-Savona (Class 2018)

Since leaving John XXIII College in 2018 I decided that I wanted to pursue a career in the performing arts. Throughout high school I was always interested in the entertainment industry and knew that was the path I wanted to take. I had a lot of help and guidance

from Ms Green and Mr Tsakisiris as I studied Drama ATAR in Year 11 and 12. Following Year 12 I got accepted into two full-time performing arts courses in Melbourne and also in Perth. I decided it was best for me to stay in Perth and study an



Advanced Diploma of Performing Arts majoring in dance and musical theatre at Principal Academy of Dance and Theatre Arts. I successfully completed this course over two years, finishing in late 2020. At the end of 2020 I auditioned for the musical *We Will Rock You* at Crown Theatre and was fortunate enough to be cast as a 'teen queen' and dancer. After this musical concluded I then auditioned for another musical called *The Boy From Oz*, performing at the Crown Theatre, and was lucky enough to get cast in this amazing production as well. These two musicals have been incredible experiences and I am so thankful to have made such amazing connections with such talented people.



RECONNECT AT A REUNION

Each year at John XXIII College we put considerable time and energy into organising a range of different year-group reunions and love seeing former students reconnecting and indulging in nostalgia. We encourage all graduates to attend their school reunions, and to encourage your friends to come along too.

Shirley Scott (Class 1988)

'At the ten-year reunion we all felt a bit awkward and nervous seeing each other again after so long, however it was the 20-year reunion where we had an amazing turnout (97 out of 130 classmates) and the party and the bar tab didn't last nearly long enough. We were young again and needed the night to go on forever. It was the best night I have had in a long time and we still get compliments about it to this day. We definitely felt more



comfortable around each other and it was very exciting. Seeing old friends and even people you may not have socialised with at school, it was like you were immediately happy to see each other again. The 30-year reunion was really heartfelt and it was like family, everyone having had a taste of life experiences, a little bit wiser, a little bit older and a little bit greyer, but still very much young at heart. It was like missing pieces of a puzzle that suddenly brought it all together. We so enjoyed the night and once again it was not long enough and the after-party celebrations kicked on. I personally can't wait for our 40-year reunion; it will be the biggest yet.

The essence of reunions is not just about fun and drunken misadventure. At their heart they are a massive celebration of our childhood lives and loves. A chance to give thanks to the collective of souls who bravely put their hands up to experience our most formative years by our side, sharing the joy and excitement, our journeys, our disappointments and achievements, personal and collective. Thanks for the memories JTC. May the celebrations never end and may we be forever young at heart.'

Reunion dates for 2021

Tom Anderson-King (Class 2013)

'I think reunions of any sort are a worthwhile experience. Taking time once in a while to remember years past is always time well spent. Even if I don't have ongoing contact with all of my classmates, I can't think of anyone I wouldn't be happy to see.'



Emily Linsten (Class 1989)

'I have attended my ten-year, 20-year, 25-year and 30-year reunions and love those opportunities to reconnect, reminisce and revel in the shared connection of being John XXIII College Alumni. We had a great turnout at our ten-year reunion in 1999, despite it being pre-Facebook days. It was a great opportunity to reconnect as we were still in our twenties and the majority of us were still establishing ourselves career-wise. A few of us were young parents and we all agreed overwhelmingly how quickly ten years had passed. If you are unsure about attending a reunion, rest assured you won't regret it. It is an opportunity to reminisce about shared memories and mutual history, renew old friendships and relive the fun and feeling of being carefree and young. Friendship group barriers dissipate and you will all come together to celebrate.'



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1st year reunion

(Class 2020)
The Old Pickle Factory
6pm – 8pm
Friday 10 September 2021

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10-year reunion

(Classes 2010 and 2011)
Cottesloe Golf Club
7.30pm – 12am
Saturday 30 October 2021

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20-year reunion

(Classes 2000 and 2001)
Wembley Hotel
7.30pm – 12am
Saturday 30 October 2021

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30-year reunion

(Classes 1990 and 1991)
Claremont Yacht Club
7.30pm – 12am
Saturday 30 October 2021

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40-year reunion

(Class 1980)
Cottesloe Golf Club
Stay tuned for further details

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40-year reunion

(Class 1981)
Wembley Hotel
7.30pm
Saturday 6 November 2021

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50-year reunion

(Loreto Class 1970)
UWA Club and Kings Park
Friday 29 October 2021

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50-year reunion

(St Louis Classes 1970 and 1971)
Athol Hobbs Room (upstairs)
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club
12pm
Sunday 14 November 2021



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